

September 16, 2002

Regular Meeting

Members present 4

Thomas Y. Wooten, Chairman

Lloyd Davis, Vice-Chairman

Josh Baity, Commissioner

Brent Hunter, Commissioner

Members absent 1

Johnny Myers-Commissioner

Others Present

Cecil E. Wood, County Manager/Clerk to the Board

James Graham, County Attorney

Melinda Vestal, Assistant Clerk to the Board

Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order. Attorney Graham led the invocation. The Board had the pledge of allegiance. Commissioner Myers was excused from the meeting.

Public comment

Edith Davis spoke on behalf of the anonymous donor who has offered \$60,000 towards the building of an animal shelter. Ms. Davis requested that the donor's wishes be granted.

Pam Shugart with Animal Adoptions presented the Board with a petition with 900 +/- signatures stating they support lethal injection as opposed to carbon monoxide.

Minutes

*Commissioner Baity made the motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Davis seconded.

The Board voted 4-0.

Animal Shelter-Peggy Boose

Peggy Boose and Robin Jennings , Humane Society, discussed the \$60,000 donation, the \$15,000 from PETA and the \$15,000 from Center for Consumer Freedom.

Robin Jennings read a letter dated November 25, 1991 from Ken Holcomb regarding the situation at the animal shelter. The letter indicated the county would use lethal injections as the form of euthanasia; done as pilot program. The county did lethal injections for about two years.

Commissioner Baity asked if this Board accepts the money, what guarantee is there for the money?

Attorney Graham stated there would be no guarantee. The Humane Society could not request the money back. This money would be given to the county as a gift. He also commented this Board cannot predict or decide what the next Board will do.

Marilyn Green, United Animal Coalition in Guilford County, presented a video showing how lethal injections work. She discussed the costs associated with lethal injections.

Sheriff Barnes of Guilford County expressed his support of using lethal injections.

Information services- grant (E-NC)

*Commissioner Baity made the motion to accept the \$12,000 grant from E-NC which will help increase public access to the internet at the library. Commissioner Davis seconded. **The Board voted 4-0.**

Zoning-public hearing

Mark Hollar, Chairman Planning Board, presented the Board with the final draft of the zoning plan and certification.

*Commissioner Baity made the motion to set a public hearing for the 3rd Monday night meeting to receive public input for the potential adoption of the zoning ordinance. Commissioner Hunter seconded. **The Board voted 4-0.**

Chairman Wooten thanked the Planning Board and staff for their hard work and dedication.

Animal Control- animal shelter

Mr. Adams shared with the Board the information received from the Forsyth County Animal Shelter. He discussed with the Board what Yadkin County would need to do lethal injections. Mr. Adams commented he did not think this was a good time to implement using lethal injections. He would like to concentrate on building a new animal shelter.

Dr. Ralph Houser, DVM, stated there are three permissible ways to destroy an animal; gunshot, lethal injection and carbon monoxide. Dr. Houser commented any of these methods would work and be humane, if done correctly. He discussed how carbon monoxide and lethal injection put down an animal.

Dr. Arnold, DVM, explained that this is not a black and white issue. Some animals which are unmanageable cannot be put down with lethal injection, you have to use carbon monoxide.

Dr. Holt, DVM, stated it is best to use lethal injection, but every situation is different. He commented euthanasia is not an easy job for anyone.

The Board discussed the rabies epidemic in the county.

Commissioner Baity stated he would like to see a compromise because \$75,000 would save the taxpayers of Yadkin County a lot of money.

The Board discussed using both lethal injection and carbon monoxide.

*Commissioner Hunter made the motion to accept the \$60,000 from the anonymous donor with the understanding that lethal injections would be used as an euthanasia process, but carbon monoxide will be used for those animals considered unmanageable. The county will update the “kill box”. The new employee is to be trained on lethal injection technique. The five people from the Humane Society who agreed to volunteer their time to the county, need to contact the county to set up a work schedule. The county will build a new animal shelter. After the construction of a new animal shelter, the county will implement using lethal injection; when appropriate. Commissioner Baity seconded. **The Board voted 4-0.**

Tax Administration-refunds and adjustments

Name	Year	County tax	Fire tax/code	Total
Judith Benton P.O. Box 445 Boonville, NC 27011 mh real not personal	2001	\$141.25	\$17.66 / A	\$158.91
William Parker 1217 Biwen Rd Yadkinville NC 27055 sold mh to Thad Mayes II	1999	\$33.00	\$2.85 / B	\$35.85
Grady L. Davis c/o Yadkin County Tax Coll P.O. Box 1217 Yadkinville, NC 27055 corrected real estate value apply to unpaid taxes	00-01	\$114.99	\$13.21 / E	\$128.20

*Commissioner Baity made the motion to approve the tax adjustments and refunds. Commissioner Hunter seconded. **The Board voted 4-0.**

Administration-surplus property

*Commissioner Baity made the motion to remove the tractor from the surplus property list and to

add to push lawnmowers. Commissioner Hunter seconded. **The Board voted 4-0.**

Commissioner comments

Chairman Wooten reminded the Board about the TIP meeting in West Jefferson on November 4th from 2:00 to 4:00.

Commissioner Baity was excused from the meeting.

*Commissioner Davis made the motion to accept the \$15,000 from the Center for Consumer Freedom. Commissioner Hunter seconded. **The Board voted 4-0.**

Commissioner Davis inquired about the hours for the rabies clinic.

Mr. Wood stated the clinic is three county wide and the hours were the only hours our veterinarians were available.

Commissioner Davis inquired about the water line to Courtney and the waterline from Jonesville.

Mr. Wood stated the plans for Jonesville to Hwy 421 have been submitted to the state and the addresses for the property owners on Hwy 21 are being entered into our database.

*Commissioner Davis made the motion to contact the property owners on Hwy 21. Commissioner Hunter seconded. **The Board voted 4-0.**

*Commissioner Davis made the motion to accept a check for \$10 towards the construction of the animal shelter. Commissioner Hunter seconded. **The Board voted 4-0.**

Manager comments

Mr. Wood discussed a new position for centralized permitting; Code Tech, Grade 61.

*Commissioner Hunter made the motion to approve the position of Code Tech , grade 61. Commissioner Davis seconded. **The Board voted 4-0.**

Mr. Wood stated the county is continuing to work on the tower site.

Mr. Wood reminded the Board about the trip to Wilkes County to look at their middle schools.

Mr. Wood discussed the status of the remaining properties to purchase for the 5-D Project. He suggested the Board set a time limit for those owners to contact the county regarding an offer on their property.

Commissioner Davis suggested the county contact these property owners one more time.

The Board decided to set a date at the next meeting to establish a deadline date.

Mr. Wood discussed with the Board a sales tax audit which would locate sales credited to other counties which should have been credited to Yadkin County. The Tax Specialist would do the research and filing of these sales tax. The fee would be 25-30% of the findings; if nothing is found, no fee charged.

*Commissioner Davis made the motion to approve the contract with The Tax Specialist to find incorrect filings of sales tax. Commissioner Hunter seconded. **The Board voted 4-0.**

Chairman Wooten discussed the state's budget and how the ½ cent sales tax will help cover the reimbursements the state is withholding from the county.

Jimmy Steelman, Hamptonville, inquired about the old prison.

Mr. Wood commented the state has control of the prison.

There was discussion about where to build the new animal shelter. The county has some land on Patterson Mill Road..

Adjournment

*Commissioner Davis made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hunter seconded. **Vote was unanimous.**

Cecil E. Wood, Clerk to the Board/
County Manager